

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH

MAY 31 2007

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Carman Snow, Sarah Meier, Jeanetta
Williams, Pat Rusk, and Lamont Tyler

Challengers and Petitioners,

v.

Case No. 20070417-SC

Office of Legislative Research and
General Counsel,

Respondent.

Curtis S. Bramble, in his capacity
as a Senator for the State of Utah;
Stephen H. Urquhart, in his
capacity as a House Representative
for the State of Utah; Brenda
Larner, an individual; Laura
Johnson, an individual; Peggy
Maciel, an individual; and Parents
for Choice in Education, Inc.,
a Utah corporation,

Petitioners,

v.

Office of Legislative Research
& General Counsel, a government
entity; and Gary R. Herbert,
in his capacity as Lieutenant
Governor of the State of Utah,

Respondents.

Order

Bramble v. Office of Legislative Research & General Counsel,
Case No. 20070407 filed May 24, 2007, is hereby consolidated for
all purposes into Snow v. Office of Legislative Research &
General Counsel, Case No. 20070417, filed May 30, 2007. Parties
appearing in Bramble are not required to file additional
pleadings, and parties in both cases are advised to resist the
temptation to file additional materials in either matter that

repeat or re-argue issues already adequately raised. Issues and arguments raised in either petition will be considered by the court to have been raised in both. Both petitions will be considered and resolved jointly by the court, with a single opinion to issue in due course.

On its own motion the court hereby stays, until further order, those requirements set forth in sections 20A-7-705 (3)(a) and (4)(a), and in section 20A-7-706(3)(a), Utah Code Annotated, that set filing deadlines for arguments supporting and opposing the referendum measure at issue in these cases.

Responsive pleadings in Case No. 20070417, if any, and additional pleadings authorized by rule in either case believed by counsel to be essential to the full understanding of the issues by the court, shall be filed with the clerk of the court not later than 5 p.m., Wednesday June 6, 2007.


A hearing on all pending matters in the consolidated cases is set for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2007. The court will entertain presentations from all parties to the litigation who desire to be heard. Parties are urged to communicate with each other to minimize duplication of submissions and argument, and to notify the Clerk of accommodations so reached. Counsel are cautioned to thoughtfully focus their presentations on those legal issues before the court, and upon which the court has the authority to act. General discussion of the virtues or vices of any particular political or philosophical position regarding the subject of the disputed referendum are not expected to be helpful. Counsel appearing on pleadings but not as yet authorized to practice before this court will not be heard unless properly admitted.

The Chief Justice has recused herself and will not participate in the consideration of these matters.

For The Court:

Date

May 31, 2007



Michael J. Wilkins
Associate Chief Justice